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DISARMAMENT--ZORIN TEXT ¹⁹⁶⁰

GENEVA, MARCH 15--(REUTERS)--FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY VALERIAN ZORIN, HEAD OF THE U.S.S.R. DELEGATION, AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE HERE TODAY.

(EDS: OFFICIAL TRANSLATION FROM THE RUSSIAN):

ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES, GENTLEMEN;

PLEASE PERMIT ME ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION FIRST OF ALL TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE SWISS GOVERNMENT AND TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CANTON AND THE CITY OF GENEVA WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO HOLD MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENEVA.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION EXTENDS SINCERE GREETINGS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL COUNTRIES GATHERED AT THIS CONFERENCE OF THE TEN NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION ALSO THE PRESENCE AT THE OPENING MEETING OF OUR COMMITTEE OF MR. PADILLIA NERVO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.N. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION, WHOSE STATEMENT SHOWS THAT A GREAT IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO OUR WORK BY THAT COMMISSION.

OUR COMMITTEE IS FACED WITH A TASK OF TREMENDOUS HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE--TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. THIS TASK FOLLOWS FROM THE RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE 14TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH RECOGNIZED THAT THE QUESTION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT "IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE FACING THE WORLD TODAY" AND WHICH CALLED UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR THE EARLIEST ACHIEVEMENT OF A "CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM."

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FIRST ADD GENEVA DISARMAMENT--ZORIN TEXT X X X PROBLEM."

ONLY SUCH A RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM CAN DELIVER NATIONS FROM THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR-ROCKET WAR WITH ITS UNPRECEDENTED GRIM CONSEQUENCES FOR MANKIND, CREATE FIRM GUARANTEES FOR THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES, BIG AND SMALL. UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES WILL BE INSURED FULLY AND FOR ALL TIME AND ANY POSSIBILITY OF SOME STATES RESORTING TO FORCE AGAINST OTHER STATES WILL BE RULED OUT.

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT CORRESPONDS TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES, IT PLACES ALL STATES INTO EQUAL POSITION. IT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME ALSO THOSE DIFFICULTIES IN SOLVING THE QUESTION OF CONTROL WHICH INVARIABLY APPEARED WHEN ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO PARTIALLY SOLVE THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM. GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT WILL PROVIDE A POSSIBILITY TO SWITCH HUGE MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES FROM PRODUCING WEAPONS OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION TO SATISFYING PEACEFUL REQUIREMENTS OF PEOPLE. IT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON SUCH A SCALE THAT WILL INSURE AN EARLY LIQUIDATION OF THEIR AGE-OLD ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS.

THESE CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN PUT IN THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, NOW KNOWN TO THE ENTIRE WORLD, BY THREE STAGES WITHIN FOUR YEARS WHICH WAS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1959, ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET UNION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S.S.R. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS N.S. KHRUSHCHEV AT THE 14TH SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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SECOND ADD GENEVA DISARMAMENT--ZORIN TEXT X X X ASSEMBLY.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE ENTIRE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED OF THE NECESSITY AND FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROGRAM OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THE IDEA OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IS FINDING AN EVER GROWING SUPPORT IN THE WHOLE WORLD. AS IT HAS BEEN RECENTLY STATED IN THE DECLARATION OF MEMBER-STATES OF THE WARSAW TREATY, THE PROPOSAL ON DISARMAMENT PUT FORTH BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES THE COMMON STAND OF THESE STATES OF ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA, INDONESIA, BURMA AND AFGHANISTAN CAME OUT WITH A HIGH APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET PROPOSALS ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THIS IS TESTIFIED TO BY JOINT STATEMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES AND OF THE SOVIET UNION MADE PUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT VISIT OF THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO THESE COUNTRIES. GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IS SUPPORTED BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF ALL CONTINENTS OF THE GLOBE, OF ALL STATES.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS UTMOST ON ITS PART SO THAT THE PROGRAM OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT BE PUT INTO PRACTICE WITHIN THE BRIEFEST PERIOD. REDUCING ITS ARMY BY 1,200,000 MAN UNILATERALLY, WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, THE SOVIET UNION IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT IN ORDERS TO FACILITATE AND TO BRING CLOSER THE ATTAINMENT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

WE ARE CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT DIFFICULTIES ALSO MAY ARISE ON THE WAY OF THE SOLUTION OF THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM. THERE STILL EXIST FORCES IN THE WORLD WHICH OFFER STUBBORN RESISTANCE TO THE GENUINE DISARMAMENT. WITHOUT VENTURING TO OPENLY COME OUT NOW AGAINST GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, THEY ARE TRYING TO SIDESTEP THE PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. INSTEAD OF AGREEING ON CONCRETE MEASURES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED TIME LIMIT THEY FOR INSTANCE ARE PUTTING FORWARD THE TASK OF A PRLONGED STUDY OF VARIOUS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND FORMS OF CONTROL OVER ARMAMENTS, AS WELL AS OF MEASURES OF THE SO CALLED INSURING OF THE SECURITY OF STATES. LEAVING THE PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT FOR AN INDEFINITELY FAR OFF FUTURE.

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THIRD ADD GENEVA DISARMAMENT--ZORIN TEXT X X X FUTURE.

THESE CIRCLES ARE NOT ONLY TRYING TO PREVENT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT BUT ARE TAKING STEPS FOR FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMS RACE. ISN'T IT TESTIFIED TO BY SUCH STEPS AS PREPARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT NUCLEAR FORCE OF THE NATO MILITARY TO BLOCK FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE F.R.G. (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY) MILITARY BASES ON THE TERRITORY OF SPAIN AND OF A NUMBER OF OTHER STATES, AND A PERSISTENT DESIRE TO EVADE COMPLETE CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS DESPITE THE GENERAL DEMAND BY THE PEOPLES OF ALL COUNTRIES TO STOP SUCH TESTS FOR ALL TIME?

WHAT WILL BE THE TREND OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF EVENTS? WILL THE WORLD BE A WITNESS TO THE CONTINUATION OF UNBRIDLED RACE OF NUCLEAR-ROCKET ARMAMENTS AND THE FURTHER GROWING OF THE THREAT OF WAR WITH THE USE OF THE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, OR TO AN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, THAT IS AN AGREEMENT ON COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ALL INSTRUMENTS AND MEANS OF WAR, WILL BE WORKD OUT AND CONCLUDED?

THE SOVIET DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF SECURING STABLE PEACE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES THE TEN NATION COMMITTEE SHOULD PROMPTLY PROCEED TO THE PRACTICAL REALIZATION OF THE DECISION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH APPROVED THE IDEA OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND TRANSMITTED TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON THIS QUESTION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A DETAILED CONSIDERATION. IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONSIDERATION A TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE, IN OUR VIEW, WORKED OUT AND, FIRST OF ALL, AN UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE REACHED ON BASIC PROVISIONS OF THIS TREATY.

IN THIS LIGHT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL DETERMINE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD ALL PROPOSALS ON THE DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE BY OTHER DELEGATIONS.

AS TO THE PROPOSALS WHICH, ARE ALREADY ANNOUNCED, OUR WESTERN PARTNERS INTEND TO PUT FORWARD AND WHICH CERTAIN DELEGATES HAVE REFERRED TO TODAY, OUR FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT THESE PROPOSALS DO NOT CONTAIN NECESSARY REAL MEASURES FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, AND THE APPROACH ITSELF TO THIS PROBLEM PUTS IN QUESTION ITS PRACTICAL SOLUTION.

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FOURTH ADD GENEVA DISARMAMENT--ZORIN TEXT X X X SOLUTION.

WE COUNT ON A BUSINESS-LIKE COOPERATION OF ALL DELEGATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION OF THE TASK OF WORKING OUT AN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT OF STATES FACING US. THE SOVIET DELEGATION, ON ITS PART, IS READY TO CONSIDER ALL ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SOVIET PROGRAM OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AS WELL AS OTHER POSSIBLE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE AIMED AT PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF THIS LOFTY AND NOBLE TASK.

SAS SAID IN TODAY'S MESSAGE OF GREETINGS BY N.S. KHRUSHCHEV, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SOVIET DELEGATION "TO CONTRIBUTE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO THE FRUITFUL WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, AND TO STRIVE FOR THE EARLIEST WORKING OUT OF A TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT." THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

THE PEOPLES AWAIT FROM THE WORK OF OUR COMMITTEE A PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF THE QUESTIONS OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THIS PLACES A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY UPON US AND WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JUSTIFY THE HOPES OF THE PEOPLES.

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